


REMARKS

Claims 1-48 remain in the application for further prosecution. The claims as amended in the reply filed September 26, 2003 have been further amended in response to the Office Action of February 17, 2004. All references back to prior phases have been removed. Further, the issues raised with regard to Claim 10 have been addressed in the amendments. The necessary amendments to the claims illustrate why using a reference back to a previous phrase is efficient and makes the claims easier to understand. It is believed that, as amended, the claims are in condition for action on the merits. If further amendment is considered necessary, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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